THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The National Backward Classes Finance and Dexclopment Corporation provides financial assistance to the eligible incmbers of Backward Classes through State Channelising Agencies nominated by the concerned Suite Govenimcnfs: In Uttar Pradesh, the Uttar Pradesh Pichhaia Varg Vilta Avam Vikas Nigam Ltd.' has been nominated as the State Chmnielising Ageiicv. Details of amount received by Uttar Pradesh Piclihara Varg Vitta Avam Vikas Nigam Ltd. from NBCFDC" during last three years for income generating activities are as under :—

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)	No. of Benef
1997-98	141.58	425
1998-99	1360.38	4123
1999-2000	2.10.00	460

For the current year, the NBCFDC has notionally allocated Rs. 22 Crore for benefiting about 6000 beneficiaries to Uttar Pradesh Piclihara Varg Vitta Avam Vikas Nigam Ltd.

NatiohaflVust for Welfare of Mentally Handicapped

2539. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state ;

(a) the status of the National Trust which was established for the welfare of mentally handicapped people.

(b) whether it is a fact that Goxcnimcnt arc scouting for famous names to constitute the Board;

(c) whether Government will give any importance to involve activists who have contributed in the field and towards policy evolvement;

(d) to what extent will Government depart from the usual route of nominating the conventionally known names and high profile people; and

(e) what steps will be taken to impart a sincere and dynamic approach to the National Trust formed recently ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) The Act for setting up a National Trust for Welfare of Persons with Autism. Cerebral Palsy. Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities has conic into existence with effect from .10-12-1999. The process of settmg up the Trust has been started.

(b) to(d) The Members of the Board will be selected in the prescribed categories under Section 3(4) of the Act on the basis of their expertise and experience in the required field.

(e) The Government will focus on (he needs of persons with autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities for upholding their rights, to promote their development and to safeguard their interest. The performance and activities of the Trust will be mohiiored under the provisions of the National Trust for Persons with Autism. Cerebral Palsy. Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act. 1999.

Wakf Property Exempted from Rent Control Act

2540. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU) ;

MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state ;

(a) the states in which the Wakf property has been e-xempted from the Rent Control Act:

(b) the States where it has not been exempted; and

(c) the steps taken to get it e.\eniptcd in all the States.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) :

(a) Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Pondichery & Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Orissa, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep, Nagaland, Mizoram, Goa, Daman & Diu, Sikkim, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Chandigarh. Delhi. Manipur, Meghalaya. Tripura, Andaman and Nicobar Islands,